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#### [From the New Orleans Delta.] FORT SUMTER.

Ask the fort-let peace prevail; Claim the fort-but yet forbear; But if words of kindness fail, Then cry rescue! and-prepare; Feel no anger-give the hand ; Fling no menace-no retort ; If the foe relentless stand, South Carolina! take the fort.

Sumter! name of old renown; Sumter! spirit! guard your own; Be thou still, chivalric town! Let the seeds of wrong be sown; People! strike—but not till when Rig at lies in that sole resort— Be ye armed—but only then, South arolina! take the fort

Take the fort-but yet beware ; Strike not at an idiot's call : "Tis not who most shall dare.
But 'tis who shall dare at all; If all kindness, spurned, shall fail-If all argument fall short Then, though Heaven itself grow pale, South Carolina! take the for

Take the fort-but not till they, Baser even than kings or slave Men in place and men in pay, Dare be idiots or be knaves; Peace! then hide thee, shrunk and pale-Hide in corridor or Court; Then, at last, let blood prevail— South Carolina! take the fort. NEW ORLEANS, December 31, 1860.

Message of President Buchanan WASHINGT AN, January 1917.
grets to say matters, instead of becoming dester.
Allu WASHINGTON, January 10.-the President r are still worse, and hope is diminished. All ding to the condition of South variobina, he say there appears to be no other alternative. but i collect the revenue and protect public property as far as practicable under existing laws. It. duty is to evacante. He says, at the opening of the session, he called attendent to the funger-to the Union, and recommended such pleasures of relief as he believed would mave the effect of tranquilizing the country, and save it fro perils in which it was needlessly and union a cly placed. It was not nocessary to retract this opinion and recommendation. Illis convic tion then expressed is unchanged. The right and duty to use military and navidioree spauthose who illegally assail the Péderal Govern ment are clear and indispurable but the pressistate of things is beyond Executive contra We are in the mids of a great he accommends to Congress that to meet the present emergency is reserved the power to de clare war, and remove g tevances that mightlend to war, and restore peace to the country

For the Carolina Spartan.

FELLOW-CITIZENS: It seems to me, unpublic mind relative to a collision of arms with the Federal Government, that we for the defense of wives and children. The come from that direction. I would therefore suggest that we form Volunteer Com- to the waters of South Carolina. This was panies of old men-say in every battalion the programme and this the plan. I had -with a suitable officer, who has made been Secretary of War for four years, and military tactics his study, in some measure at least, at the head to drill and instruct them, for we may have to fight, and let us be prepared for the worst. I leave the subject to an abler head and pen than mine, with the comination of Andrew Bonner, Esq., and O. P. McArther, for Captains in the North-east portion of Spartanburg Dis-PACOLET.

Ex-Secretary Floyd.

A grand banquet was given to this distinguished genth man in Richmonden Saturlay last. We make the following extracts from his speech on the occasion, which will be read at this time with interest:

He aliaded to the two policies set forth in the annual Message. Mr. Atterney Black said we must execute the laws. 1. said Mr. Floyd, could not quite how to that. Mr. Fuel an n said, this question of the forts is a question of property. I agreed to that. I said I am your Secretary, and have in my bands this property of the forts. will turn over to my saccessor that proper ty inviolate ... I know these people of Son who intend to take them! It will destre complicity in it." I said, "Mr. Preside

had a programme-a plan to allay all these To the Old Men of our District. spectres of disunion and bring peace to the country. He laid it before me as Secretary of War. I told that I did not like it der the existing state of excitement in the He laid it before the President; and he did not much like it at that time. I'll tell you tion. It may be proper to state that Mr. what it was. Fort Sumter was to be taken | Holt is a native of Kentucky: should begin to look around for volunteers possession of, and Castle Pinckney likewise. forts of Georgia were to be occupied and public mind seems to be almost exclusively held, the forts of Florida and Alabama directed to the City of Charleston, as though | taken possession of and manued, and the all the dangers that could befall us would forts of Louisiana occupied by troops of the United States. In addition to this, ships of war and revenue cutters were to be sent

The Cabinet at Washington.

The Washington Constitution of Wednesday has the following explanation of the the causes of Secretary Thompson's resigna-

"If the President had declared the purose in his message to use the land and sea to and took on board four officers and 200 forces of the United States against the solliers, with their am ammunition &c., South, it is a fact well known to all that, and then proceded to sea, crossing the bar on is avowal, Mr. Thompson would have at Sandy Hook at 9 P. M. Nothing unuinstantly resigned. It was on the faith sual took place during the passage, which that no such purpose was entertained that was a pleasant one for the season of the to the waters of South Carolina. This was
the programme and this the plan I had
been Secretary of War for four years, and
had not thought it necessary to occupy any

Mr. Thompson remained in offsee, and after
the regretable and unauthorized movement
of Major Anderson from Fort Meeltria to
Fort Sumter, which almost precipitated
civil war at Charleston, it was on the faith
were all out. We proceed with caution Mr. Thompson remained in office, and after | year

this well known that the gentleman channel, where we nove to, to await day from the President commissioned to addinister ad from the affairs of the War Department, although he was born on out in a day began to brail e we discovered a steamer in that shore of us, which as soon as

Statement of Captain McGowan. | ne ry abreat of Commings' Point, his presthe trip of the S ar of the West:

STEAMSHIP STAR OF THE WEST, ) New York, Jan. 12, 1851.

R. O. ROBERTS-Sir! After leaving the wharf on the 15th inst. at 5 o'c'ock, P. M. we proceeded down the bay, where we hove

dence afforded by the Federal Govern-nt of hostility to South Carolina, that hezewhich at that time covered the horizon tr. Thompson had consented to remain in the Cabinet after the Secretary of War had signed.

It is well known that the gentleman that the south west for the main should be signed.

The following is an official account of the eace of mind seems to have deserted him, and his previous orders to have been forgot-Acc rling to his own account, he was

but two miles from Fort Sumter, the same distance from Fort Moultrie, and a little over haif a mile from the two-gun battery on Cumming's P. int, when the first shot was fired from the last named battery across his bow. He is very minute in describing how near each ball came to striking the ship-several of them "passing clear over one of them "whistling between the smo e stack and walking beams of the engine;" another striking the ship "just abaft the fore rigging, but doing no damage while another of the hauntess missiles, we are told, came w thin an ace of carrying way the rudder." Nevertheless, and in s i e of all these threatening demonstrations, the Star of the West, Captain Me-Gowan tells us, held on her course for "over | ten minutes," which must have brought her to within less than a mile of Fort Sumer; but not even then did the commander of the transport vessel think of hoisting the Revenue Flag to announce that his vessel an employed in the service of the Federal

On the contrary, Captain McGowan took his particular moment for wheeling his vessel round, not that he might obey his team back past the harneless bettery on addressed a letter to Governor Pickens, beand schoener Aigen, of sixty tous burden, and for his not abusing the confidence re-Fort Moultrie to within three-quarters of a kind relations being restored, all would be Mediowan, in order "to avoid certain cap-ture or destruction," laboriously and slowly the table by the Abelitionists, the Democrawere the vessel round, and stood out to sea, the Senators generally keeping aloof. Sena having again to run the gauntlet of the two tor Crittenden was much exasperated at gues mounted amongst the sand his at this upshot of his efforts at conciliation.

of a single telling shet from any quarter, members, in maturing a plan of comprethis steamer, with the American easign mise with the border States. flying at her masthead, and with two hundred American soldiers "stowed away in well informed circles, that the President Charlest in harbor without having made any de facto government embracing several her charterers-without having displayed on Col. Hayne to-day, and urged a modifithe revenue day to announce her character cation of his views and demands, everything to Major Anderson—without having allow being important that will, if possible, preed the two hundred s bliers to may being that it is quite possible that the proposi-scen by the telescopes on the look-cut at Fort Sunater—and without any attempt from those presented verbally on yesterday.

The New York delegation, without disfor the point of her destination, even at the tinction of party, and it said, wait on the east of beaching her, and then trusting to President to-morrow, and proper the reso-

The contraction of the contracti

From the Charleston Mercury.

From Washington. WASHINGTON, January 16 .- The Cabinet held a meeting to-day, and unanimonsly decided to send Lieut. Hall back to

Major Anderson, with instructions to remain quiet until far her orders. Beyond this, the purport of the instructions are not known. But I have ascertained from a reable source that the troops are not to be withdrawn from Fort Sumter, and that the post will be defended against any attack, It has been telegraphed to Charlesion to-

night that Hall had actually left Wasnington on his return to Fort Sumter, with these instructions. This is incorrect. It is true that Lieut. Hall left the city this afternoon, but it was merely on a visit to some friends, he having obtained a few days leave of ab-The President refused to receive Col.

Hayne except as a citizen of a sovereign

Hon. I. W. Hayne, had a personal in-terview with the President last night. Mr. Buchanan listened attentively to his proposition, and required him to put it formally in writing. Mr Hayne is now preparing it, but is in no hurry to submit it, an he considers delay important. The Republicans are pressing coercive

action in Cong ess. Hayne is said to demand the withdrawal of the Federal troops from Fort Sun-

I understand that Jefferson Davis has sceehing the restoration of amicable relations with Major Anderson, whom he has

tenmer was approaching him "with the long known. He vouches for Major Authe stolen revel-derson as being as honorable as he is brave. possil in him. He thinks that free acces to the market should be allowed, and that In the Senate, Crittenden's resolutions

The Hon. W. C. Rives, of Virginia, is Without the loss of a man, or the receipt said to be exerting himself, with other

w coal brakers," fiel ignominionaly out of has expressed a willingness to recognize a States. Several Southern Senators called